

CAUGHT THIS BILL IN TIME.

It Was Masquerading Under the Guise of a Speedway Measure.

But Under Its Provisions the City Would Spend \$2,000,000.

Sad and grieved was Col. George P. Webster this morning.
Col. Webster was Chairman of the Cities Committee in the Assembly and had charge of all bills affecting New York City interests. Mayor Gilroy and Corporation Counsel Clark were at Albany looking over bills awaiting the Governor's signature, and Col. Webster was the Chairman of the Cities Committee himself in connection with which some one was guilty of sharp practice, and which, if it became a law, would take \$2,000,000 needlessly out of the city treasury. The Mayor, therefore, advised the Governor to veto the bill.
On the face of it and according to the title of the bill, it appeared to be a perfectly proper measure.
The bill appeared in Albany under the guise and title of a bill to permit the Park Board to acquire land for Mayor Gilroy's speedway.
"I never heard of this bill," said Mayor Gilroy, when the news that it had been introduced in the Legislature had been telegraphed to him. "I suppose the engineers who made the survey of the speedway discovered that they needed several more strips of land, and they asked the Legislature to authorize them to buy it."
That is what Mayor Gilroy thought until he read the bill in Albany yesterday. Then he discovered the job.
The bill had a reference whatever to a speedway, but authorized the Park Department to buy land for park purposes between Fort George and Bleecker Avenue that would cost no less than \$2,000,000.
Park Commissioner Dana said this morning that the Park Department was in total ignorance of the existence of the bill until he read of it, and then he thought as it was supposed to relate to the speedway it came from the Mayor.
As the measure purported to have reference to the Mayor's speedway this view was accepted by every one.
It was evidently the purpose of the bill to give color to the supposition that the city authorities intended the bill.
Additional strength was given to this by the fact that Assistant Corporation Counsel Clark and Col. Webster, who had charge of the bill, were at Albany yesterday, and which would have great weight with the Governor.
Col. Webster said this morning that he was deceived himself. The bill was given to him by Blundy, and introduced by him (Webster) without reading it.
He had advocated a park at Fort George, and somebody presuming that he still favored the improvement of the bill, had introduced it. It was unfortunate that he had not read it, and he felt badly because he had not read it.
The bill was rushed through the Legislature without being printed, and the persons behind it evidently did not want the light of day shed on it.
Blundy explained this unusual proceeding by saying it was late in the session and there was not time to have the bill printed.
Blundy, when seen by an Evening World reporter, said, "I did not give the bill to Webster, but gave it to me first, and he gave it back to him. That's the whole story and it's all I have to say."

COL. SHEPARD'S WILL.

Will Probably Be Probated This Afternoon.

The formal proceedings for the probate of the will of Col. Elliott F. Shepard were held today before Probate Judge Washburne. As there is no contest over the will the proceedings were brief and uninteresting.
Clerk Washburne examined the witnesses to the will, William Irwin, Robert C. Alexander and Joseph Smither, each of whom testified that he had known Col. Shepard for some years and that the will was executed according to the forms of law, and at the time—July 15, 1891—Col. Shepard was fully competent to make the will and understood fully what he was doing.
Augustus B. Shepard, a brother of the Colonel, was present and qualified as one of the executors of the will. Mrs. Margaret Louise Vanderbilt Shepard, the widow, who is executrix, did not put in an appearance, but she may qualify at any time. Her son, Elliott F. Shepard, Jr., will become one of the executors when he arrives at the age of twenty-one.
A decree admitting the will to probate will probably be signed to-day. The surrogate has appointed Charles L. Patterson guardian of the minor children.

POLICE PENSION BILL CINED.

It Will Add About \$80,000 a Year to the Fund.

Major Kipp, Chief Clerk of the Police Department, was informed to-day that Gov. Flower had signed the bill authorizing the deduction of 10 per cent from the salary of every member of the force, to be applied to the pension fund.
This will add something like \$80,000 a year to the fund, which for some time past has been insufficient. The first deduction under the new law will be made from the salaries of the policemen on the first of next month.

THE RELAY BICYCLISTS.

Over Fourteen Hours Behind the Schedule at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, May 3.—The relay riders passed here at 8.40 A. M., over fourteen hours behind the schedule at Buffalo.
Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Phoebe Cantor, sister of Senator Cantor, to Mr. Leslie Mizell.

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REBECCA BERGHOLD'S DEATH.

Lawyer Cornell Gives His Version of Their Trip to Chicago.

Funeral Takes Place at Her Father's Home To-Morrow.

The funeral of the unfortunate Rebecca Berghold, whose death occurred in Chicago under mysterious circumstances, will take place to-morrow afternoon from the residence of her father, Capt. Berghold, of the Grand Central Depot Sub-station, in this city.
The exercises will be strictly private, and only relatives and intimate friends of the family will be present.
The verdict of the Chicago Coroner's jury was that the unfortunate woman committed suicide, but Capt. Berghold refuses to entertain that idea for a moment.
He is bitterly incensed against William Alexander Cornell, the lawyer's clerk of 33 Nassau street, who was his daughter's lover and with whom she fled from her home to Chicago. Cornell is married and lives at 17 East one hundred and Fifteenth street.
But Capt. Berghold says he is unable to proceed against Cornell, whom he now abhors most thoroughly.
Cornell is an interview with an Evening World reporter to-day took occasion to deny a statement made that he had placed any money or valuables in the office of the Southern Hotel where the couple stayed in Chicago.
"I hadn't any idea that he had as much as \$1,000," he said; "although she told me she had left her father's home forever, and had means sufficient to maintain herself until she could work in Chicago. I handed a portion of her money to pay for our traveling expenses."
It is true we had some words about my plainly told her that our relations must come to an end.
He was despondent, and in fact, she had been in such a frame of mind for some time. So I am of the opinion that she took her own life in a fit of melancholy. It is not true that I concealed my marriage, which took place two years ago, from my own relatives.
"My mother knew of it and Miss Berghold knew of it," he said. "I was married in 1891, and she knew of it. I was married in 1891, and she knew of it. I was married in 1891, and she knew of it."
Cornell wished to refute the statement that he had placed any money or valuables in the office of the Southern Hotel where the couple stayed in Chicago.
He wears a full beard and is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, but he did not exhibit the sagacity of a lawyer. He was quoted in the New York Exchange at 94 on March 14, it was quoted at 94-1/2 on March 15, 92-1/2 on March 16, 92-1/2 on March 17, 92-1/2 on March 18, closing the week at 92-1/2.
The stock fluctuated between 93 and 94 for the next month. On April 19, a month later, Western Union went down to 90-1/2, and from then to May 2, declined to 81-1/4.
The stock previously mentioned declined to 81-1/4.
The Western Union stock declined when the pool-room revenue stopped, which would certainly be a very natural thing. It is not known whether the stock declined because of the closing of the pool-rooms, or whether the closing of the pool-rooms was the result of the decline in the stock.
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WESTERN UNION'S BIG LOSS.

A Revenue of More Than \$2,000,000 Annually Cut Off.

What the Closing of the Pool-Rooms Means to the Company.

The loss of an annual revenue approximately, in round numbers, \$2,000,000, is no small matter even to such a wealthy money-making corporation as the Western Union Telegraph Company.
It is estimated that the closing of the pool-rooms in New York has cost the Western Union Telegraph Company no less a sum than the princely amount stated.
Moderately estimating the number of pool-rooms doing business in New York prior to their closing by Supt. Byrnes, March 12, at one hundred, although one hundred and fifty would probably be nearer the mark, the daily total of \$75 exacted by the Western Union from each pool-room would mean a daily loss of \$7,500.
The telegraph company ran no risks of bad debts, for a daily collection was made in advance. On an average the pool-rooms were open 300 days in the year, thus making a total of \$2,250,000 per annum paid in cash by the rooms to the Western Union Telegraph Company.
When the pool-rooms were closed, a hundred thousand dollars more or less cut off no great figure, but when it is remembered that many rooms located in the city will be seen that the estimated loss of \$2,000,000 annually to the company from the closing of the pool-rooms is a very conservative one, indeed.
Incidentally it may be remarked that the pool-rooms were a remarkably good thing in posting the odds in their resorts, when they could afford to pay such enormous sums yearly after year to the Western Union, and yet amass fortunes themselves.
Still more in this they were drawn to the extraordinarily good milk-cow qualities of the New York speculative public.
It would be reasonable to suppose that the cutting off of \$2,000,000 from the income of the Western Union Telegraph Company, even as wealthy as the Western Union, would necessarily affect its share in the market. Yet, according to a Wall street authority, such has not been the case in the present instance, at least not to any pronounced degree.
On March 13, the day the pool-rooms were closed, the Western Union stock was quoted in the New York Exchange at 94. On March 14, it was quoted at 94-1/2. On March 15, 92-1/2. On March 16, 92-1/2. On March 17, 92-1/2. On March 18, closing the week at 92-1/2.
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SIX MASKED MEN ROB A TRAIN.

Expressman Refuses to Open the Safe, but They Get Over \$2,000.

Big Party of Eastern Railroad Men Among the Passengers Held Up.

PAIDSON, Kan., May 3.—A bold and partially successful train robbery was committed by six bandits supposed to be members of the notorious Star gang, of which Perry Starr is leader, at Pryor Creek, Indian Territory, at 8.30 o'clock last night.
When the Missouri, Kansas and Texas north-bound passenger train, which left here at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon, reached Pryor Creek six masked men emerged from the darkness, and after signalling the train, covered the engineer, fireman, conductor and brakeman with revolvers while two of the men guarded the trainmen.
The others entered the express car. They threatened the messenger with pistol and knife, ordering him to open the safe, but he refused. Failing in this, they relieved all the passengers of their money and valuables. While this was done several ladies fainting. The robbers looted out of the car bringing their pistols into the air and escaping in the darkness.
President Martin, of the Kansas City, Houston and Gulf Railroad, was among the passengers.
A party of railroad men was also on the train. It included Frederick Brown, E. E. Smith, Walter Buchanan, C. H. Fox, Charles R. Grams, of New York; Mr. Smith, Charles S. Hinchman, Harry Rogers, Charles H. Smith, of New York; Mr. Smith, Charles S. Hinchman, Harry Rogers, Charles H. Smith, of New York; Mr. Smith, Charles S. Hinchman, Harry Rogers, Charles H. Smith, of New York.
The robbers are thought to have secured over \$2,000.

BIG RESERVOIR BURSTS.

Reported Loss of Life in the Miami Valley in Ohio.

TOLEDO, May 3.—A special to the Blade from Lima reports a break in the banks of the Lewistown reservoir, Logan County.
The break is spreading, and much damage is feared from the liberated waters.
The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton railway tracks are already submerged.
The reservoir covers 17,000 acres, and is the second largest artificial body of water in this country.
It is reported that several lives were lost by drowning in Miami River, down which the flood will find its outlet.
Highwaymen "Longshoremen," James Donovan and Christopher Madden, "longshoremen," were held for trial by Justice Martin, in the Tombs court this morning, for holding up another "longshoreman" named Strickland, on West Street, and taking a ransom from him. Strickland was sent to the House of Detention.
Wanted to Shoot Somebody.
Vincenzo Galliea, a homeless man, was held for examination at the Tombs Police Court this morning. Vincenzo went into the Tombs Police Court this morning, for holding up another "longshoreman" named Strickland, on West Street, and taking a ransom from him. Strickland was sent to the House of Detention.
New Clerk Charged with Theft.
Mary Clark, aged thirty-six, of 218 Seventh street, was a prisoner in the Jefferson street court today charged with stealing \$50 and a check for \$5 from Charles Smith, who lives in the same house. Mrs. Clark is charged with the theft of the money from Smith, who is charged with the theft of the money from Smith, who is charged with the theft of the money from Smith.

HARRIS IS ANXIOUS.

He Asks for Quick Information of Gov. Flower's Decision.

The Wife-Poisoner's Health Is Very Good Now.

Warden Durston Has Not Yet Arrived at Sing Sing.

SING SING, N. Y., May 3.—This is an anxious day for Curtis W. Harris, the convicted poisoner of his wife, Helen Mary Nelson. Harris is awaiting execution in the death-house of Sing Sing State Prison. To-day he expects that the report of Commissioner Baileys will be received by Gov. Flower and that the Chief Executive will decide upon the report whether or not he should sit in the electric chair and suffer the penalty imposed by law for the crime of which he was convicted.
That Gov. Flower's action in the case would be speedily given the more likely from the fact that he matters about this morning Harris had but a few days more to live, Recorder Smith having sentenced him to be executed during the week beginning next Monday, May 8.
Harris fully realized the import of today's probable events, for when Acting Warden Connaughton, the Principal Keeper of the prison, visited him about 5 o'clock this morning Harris said to him: "I am anxious to know what you will do to-day."
"Should you receive any word to-day one way or the other, whether favorable or unfavorable to me, will you please let me know what it is?"
Aside from his intense interest in the outcome of Commissioner Baileys' report, Connaughton told an Evening World reporter that Harris betrayed an unusual emotion and was as cheerful as could be expected under the circumstances, and was in perfect health.
Should Harris' fate be decided on to-day by the Governor, Harris would not be officially notified by Acting Warden Connaughton, as this would be a violation of the prison rules. It would be possible, however, for his counsel to see him and impart the news to him.
To-day in the arrival of the new Warden, Charles F. Durston, at the prison, also added to the atmosphere of uncertainty which surrounded the big fortress on the Hudson this morning.
It was expected that the new warden would arrive, arrive yesterday, and Acting Warden Connaughton said this morning that he confidently expected that Mr. Durston would put in a appearance to-day. As to the new Warden's whereabouts, Mr. Connaughton would venture no opinion.
"You know as much as I do," he said.
"Should the Governor decide against Harris, Warden Durston's presence or absence will make no difference with the arrangements for Harris' execution. The law provides that in the absence of the Warden the Principal Keeper shall act for him."
"I do not anticipate, however, that Warden Durston will be absent Monday. I hope he will arrive to-day, and I am confident that he will be here to-day."
In the event of an adverse decision in Harris' case preparations for the execution will probably be made and invitations sent out by Friday or Saturday.
Speculation as to Warden Durston's whereabouts were rife in the prison and the village this morning. Some believed that he was on his way here or had gone through to New York, and would return on a local train during the day, while others considered it not improbable that he was still in Auburn settling up the affairs of his administration of the prison there.
Wherever he was, there seemed to be considerable mystery surrounding his movements, and for what reason it was difficult to imagine.

THE HARRIS REPORT IS ILL.

Gov. Flower Says Nothing as to When He Will Take Action.

ALBANY, May 3.—Gov. Flower to-day received the testimony taken before George Baileys, recorder, in the case of Curtis W. Harris, and he has not yet taken any action.
The Governor would say nothing as to how soon he would take action in the case.

REPAIRS TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Old Warship to Be Fitted Up for the Naval Reserve.

Bids were opened to-day by the Army Board for repairs to the old ironclad New Hampshire, which has been placed at the disposal of the Naval Reserve for an armory.
The repairs were ordered by the Secretary of the Navy, and the work was to be done by the Navy Yard at Boston.
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Spanish Battalions Ready to Proceed to Cuba.

MADRID, May 3.—Four battalions of Spanish troops in Puerto Rico, two battalions in the Canary Islands and 5,000 men in Spain are held in readiness to proceed to Cuba.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

HE SAILED IN THE STEERAGE.

Failure of Francis H. Weeks

Assignee Thinks Every Cent of His Obligations Will Be Paid.

THE LAWYER SAID TO BE ILL AT HIS HOME AT COLD SPRING HARBOR.

A good-looking, well-dressed Englishman sailed in the steerage of the Teutonic, when left for Liverpool to-day.
He was not at all used to that sort of accommodation. His name is Vivian Thorne, and if some New York sharpers had not excited his curiosity he might now have been reveling in the luxury which the season affords.
Thorne, who is not over thirty years of age, arrived from Europe several months ago. He has been in this country several times before and his people are said to be wealthy.
He registered at the Grand Union Hotel and appeared to have plenty of money.
A few days ago he called at the White Star line office and engaged an outside room in the saloon of the Teutonic, sailing to-day, for which he paid \$200.
He called at the office again this morning and wanted to know if he could have his saloon ticket exchanged for passage in the steerage.
"Look out, questioning it transpired that Mr. Vivian Thorne had run up very hard against what is known as the "lively stable game," which he paid \$200.
Some sharpers in the vicinity of Forty-second street, had inveigled him into a game of chance, and he had lost his money. He was told that he could have his saloon ticket exchanged for passage in the steerage, and he had agreed to do so.
The rest is well known. The glib Englishman bought the old plug for \$200, and he had to go back to the office to get the difference between the price of his saloon ticket and the price of the steerage ticket.
He said that he saw no reason why he should be defrauded and he simply because he had been deceived.
Mr. Vivian Thorne did not say when he would return to this country.

GOLD RESERVE SHORT AGAIN.

But Secretary Carlisle Is Quite Satisfied with the Outlook.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Secretary Carlisle was busy this morning answering his mail, which had accumulated during his absence. It was a formidable pile and contained upwards of one thousand letters.
He expressed himself as well satisfied with the financial situation.
The gold reserve, according to the figures on the Treasury books, is today \$67,000,000. This includes, as far as can be accurately ascertained, all the gold offered for sale within the past few days, except about three millions, which is being held by the Treasury. The total gold in the country, as estimated in the Treasury, is \$1,000,000,000. The gold reserve is \$67,000,000, which is \$333,000,000 in circulation.
"Jack Tars" Got the Freedom of the City.
Police Justice Martin discharged Christian Lange, a sailor on the German war ship Kaiserin Augusta, who was arrested for fighting last night in the Bowery in the "Jack Tars" fight. The judge said that Lange had been in the Bowery for some time and had been fighting with the "Jack Tars" for some time. The judge said that Lange had been in the Bowery for some time and had been fighting with the "Jack Tars" for some time.
Hotel Clerk Held for Assault.
Frank Brandt, clerk of the House Hotel, at River and Perry streets, Bowery, was held for assault on a woman named Mary, who lives in the same hotel. Brandt was charged with assaulting Mary, who was a guest of the hotel. Brandt was charged with assaulting Mary, who was a guest of the hotel.

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